MINUTES OF THE 2001 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION AFFIRMATION AND BRIEFING

May 11, 2001 6:00 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol Room 329 Honolulu, Hawaii

Commissioners in Attendance:

Mr. Deron K. Akiona

Mr. Richard R. Clifton

Ms. Jill E. Frierson

Ms. Lori J.G. Hoo

Mr. Lynn C. Kinney

Mr. Kenneth T.G. Lum

Mr. Harold S. Masumoto

Mr. David W. Rae

Technical Support Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Dwayne D. Yoshina, Office of Elections

Mr. Lawrence Chun, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Ms. Cynthia Fukunaga, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Mr. Strather Ing, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Mr. Scott Nago, Office of Elections

Ms. Keala Naluai, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Mr. David Rosenbrock, Office of Elections/Reapportionment Staff

Mr. Rex Quidilla, Office of Elections

Mr. David Takashima, Office of Elections

Ms. Robynn Yokooji, Office of Elections

Mr. Brian Aburano, Department of the Attorney General

Mr. Aaron Schulaner, Department of the Attorney General

Consultant Services Contractor:

Mr. Royce Jones, ESRI

Ms. Mirjam Stadelmann, ESRI

Observers Present:

Ms. Jean Aoki, League of Women Voters

Ms. Laura Figueira, Senate President=s Office

Mr. James V. Hall, Oahu Apportionment Advisory Council

Mr. Shelton Jim On, Republican Party

Ms. Lieberata Orrallo, Senate President=s Office

Mr. Mark Oto, House Speaker=s Office

Mr. Marley Pennington

Mr. Glen Takahashi, Office of the City Clerk

Ms. Linda Chu Takayama

I. Call to Order

Chief Election Officer, Mr. Dwayne D. Yoshina, called the 2001 Reapportionment Commission Affirmation and Briefing to order at 6:05 p.m. in Conference Room 329 of the Hawaii State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mr. Yoshina stated that this first commission meeting was basically ministerial. Mr. Yoshina introduced the Reapportionment Project Staff, asked the audience to introduce themselves, and asked the Reapportionment Commission members to introduce themselves.

Mr. Yoshina requested a change in the agenda order. Requested that Item II. Duties and Responsibilities and Item III. Administrative Matters be switched.

PROCEEDINGS

II. Administrative Matters

A. Ms. Jill Frierson, House Minority Appointee, Ms. Lori Hoo, House Speaker Appointee, Mr. Lynn Kinney, Senate President Appointee,

Mr. Kenneth Lum, Senate Minority Appointee, Mr. Harold Masumoto, House Speaker Appointee, and Mr. David Rae, Senate President Appointee, were administered the Affirmation by Mr. Dwayne Yoshina.

- B. Mr. Yoshina issued each commisson member a Certification of Appointment and each member signed the Affirmation.
- C. Mr. Richard Clifton, Senate Minority Appointee, and Mr. Deron Akiona, House Minority Appointee, were administered their Affirmation by reading and were issued their Certification as they came in.
- D. Mr. Yoshina reported that documents on "Ethics@ were provided in the packet given to each member and asked each commission member to read the pamphlet. He noted there are ethical considerations to follow as a commission member.
- E. Ms. Robynn Yokooji gave a briefing on fiscal documents that commission members need to complete in order to get reimbursed or compensated for expenditures. She reviewed the following: 1) mileage reimbursement; 2) travel to neighbor islands (per diem, statement of completed travel form, expenses); 3) compensation for meetings; and
 - 4) reimbursement for incidental expenses.

III. Duties and Responsibilities

- A. Mr. Yoshina identified the title of each document contained in the packet for each commissioner.
- B. Mr. Yoshina described the duties and responsibilities of a reapportionment commission member:
 - 1) To apportion the U.S. House of Representatives.
 - 2) To apportion the State House and Senate seats.
 - 3) To stagger terms for State Senators.
- A. Mr. Yoshina provided a definition of Areapportionment@ pursuant to Black=s Law Dictionary.

IV. GIS/Technical Support

A. Mr. Yoshina called upon Mr. David Rosenbrock, Reapportionment Project Manager, to provide a briefing on the Geographic Information System (GIS) support services.

- B. Mr. Rosenbrock introduced Mr. Royce Jones and Ms. Mirjam Stadelmann, from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), the State=s GIS consultant services contractor.
- C. Mr. Jones provided a power point presentation on reapportionment and redistricting. Noted that for the 2001 reapportionment, ESRI will be using ArcView and Autobound.

V. Other Business

None.

VI. Discussion

- A. Mr. Yoshina stated that the commission has the responsibility of selecting a commission chair by a vote of six members. He reported that in 1991 a temporary committee nominated the reapportionment chair. He recommended that they take action by selecting a temporary chair and to form three (3) selection committees to 1) select a permanent chair;
 2) establish rules of operation; and 3) determine whether or not a special
 - counsel should be retained. He noted that the 1991 Rules are included in the packet. Mr. Yoshina also recommended that commission members go into Executive Session with legal counsel.

B. Motion by Mr. Harold Masumoto

Moved to nominate Mr. Richard Clifton as Temporary Commission Chair. Seconded by Ms. Jill Frierson.

With no discussion, Mr. Kenny Lum called for a vote on the motion to nominate Mr. Clifton as Temporary Chair to the 2001 Reapportionment Commission.

The motion was carried unanimously.

C. Temporary Chair Clifton recommended that the commission go into executive session with legal counsel.

VII. Executive Session

Commission went into Executive Session to cover basic legal responsibilities of the commission members.

VIII. Return to Discussion

- A. At 7:35 p.m., Temporary Chair Clifton called meeting back to order. Asked the commission for motions to create committees.
 - 1) Motion by Ms. Hoo

Moved to establish three committees--chair selection, rules, and special counsel--each committee comprising of two members. Seconded by Mr. Lynn Kinney.

Mr. Masumoto recommended that it is not necessary to have a special counsel committee at this time but to take action when committee is needed.

2) Motion Amended by Ms. Hoo

Move to establish two committees--chair selection and rules and procedures--each committee comprising of two members.

Temporary Chair Clifton asked Mr. Kinney if he was in agreement with motion change. Mr. Kinney seconded the amended motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Temporary Chair Clifton asked for nominations for selection of members to the chair committee.
 - 1) Motion by Mr. Masumoto and Mr. Lum
 - Mr. Masumoto moved to nominate Ms. Hoo. Mr. Lum moved to nominate Mr. Deron Akiona as the Chair Selection Committee.
 - 2) Motion to close nominations

Mr. Kinney moved to close nominations. Ms. Frierson seconded the motion.

The motions were carried unanimously.

- A. Temporary Chair Clifton asked for nominations for selection of members to the rules and procedures committee.
 - 1) Motion by Mr. Lum and Mr. Masumoto

Mr. Lum moved to nominate Ms. Frierson. Mr. Masumoto moved to nominate Mr. David Rae as the Rules and Procedures Committee.

2) Temporary Chair Clifton asked for any further nominations.

Hearing none, Temporary Chair Clifton asked members to approve nominations.

The motions were carried unanimously.

IX. Announcements

The next meeting of the 2001 Reapportionment Commission will be held on May 22, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the State Capitol and May 29, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the State Capitol. The room number to be announced.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the 2001 Reapportionment Commission Affirmation and Briefing was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne D. Yoshina
Chief Election Officer
Secretary to the
2001 Reapportionment Commission